

Introduced by Senator Cox

April 12, 2010

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 100—Relative to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 100, as introduced, Cox. CHP Officer Douglas “Scott” Russell Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Route 50 in the community of Shingle Springs in El Dorado County as the California Highway Patrol Officer Douglas “Scott” Russell Memorial Freeway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Douglas “Scott” Russell was born on September
2 18, 1960, in Castro Valley. He graduated from Amador High
3 School in 1978, where he played offensive tackle on the football
4 team, saxophone in the school band, and clarinet in the marching
5 band, and he later attended Chabot College for two years before
6 joining the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy; and
7 WHEREAS, After graduation from the academy in October of
8 1985, Officer Russell, CHP badge number 11619, served four
9 years in Hayward. Officer Russell later had assignments in the
10 Bridgeport area and the Investigative Services Section, where he
11 was selected to serve on the Campaign Against Marijuana Program.
12 In June of 2000, Officer Russell was assigned to the Placerville
13 area; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Russell was married to the love of his life,
2 Lynn McCourtney, in April of 1997. They enjoyed dining out with
3 friends, spending time in their backyard oasis, and entertaining
4 during the Christmas holidays. In 2007 Lynn was diagnosed with
5 breast cancer. Officer Russell went into battle alongside his wife.
6 He was a wonderful caregiver and even shaved his head in show
7 of support when his wife was undergoing chemotherapy; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Russell was admired for his keen
9 investigative skills, strong work ethic, enchanting sense of humor,
10 impressive athletic ability, stunning professionalism, and heartfelt
11 concern for the safety and well being of others. Officer Russell
12 was well respected by his fellow officers and supervisors, which
13 earned him Officer of the Year in 2003. In his spare time, Officer
14 Russell was an avid golfer and forged many life-long friendships
15 while on the golf course; and

16 WHEREAS, On July 31, 2007, Officer Russell was tragically
17 struck by a fleeing suspect's vehicle as he deployed a spike strip
18 to end a pursuit on eastbound State Route 50 in the community of
19 Shingle Springs in El Dorado County; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Russell is survived by his wife, Lynn M.
21 Russell, as well as his mother Betty Elliot, sister, Heidi Kaye,
22 nephew Scott Kaye, and nieces Danielle and Dawn Kaye; and

23 WHEREAS, Officer Russell served as an important and
24 invaluable member of the California Highway Patrol for over 22
25 years and made the ultimate sacrifice of giving his life in the line
26 of duty; and

27 WHEREAS, Officer Russell will always be admired for his hard
28 work and dedication to the CHP and the citizens of California.
29 Officer Russell was an outstanding man and will never be
30 forgotten; and

31 WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Russell's ultimate
32 sacrifice for the residents of this state, it is appropriate to dedicate
33 a portion of State Route 50, commonly known as U.S. 50, in El
34 Dorado County in his memory; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates a
37 portion of State Route 50, in the vicinity of eastbound Post-mile
38 08.533 and westbound Post-mile 08.598 in the community of
39 Shingle Springs in El Dorado County, as the CHP Officer Douglas
40 "Scott" Russell Memorial Freeway; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
2 to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
3 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
4 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations
5 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
6 be it further

7 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
8 this resolution to the Director of Transportation, and to the author
9 for appropriate distribution.

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